and as and when units were found to be closed or not working, th^ coal linkages have been cancelled. On receipt of complaints of misuse of coal by some linked consumers in the non-core sector, an intensive verification has recently been taken up by the coal companies.

Amendment of the Coal Mines (Nationalisation) Act

1445. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDYSIRIGIREDDY: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) Whether it is a fact that Government have decided not to bring amendment to Coal Mines (Nationalisation) Act to bring private players into this sector;

(b) if so, the reasons behind not bringing an amendment to the above Act as proposed by previous Government;

(c) by when the Ministry is going to released mission document for coal 2030; and

(d) the salient features in the proposed documents?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (DR. DASARI NARAYAN RAO): (a) No, Sir

(b) Does not arise in view of the answer given to part (a).

(c) and (d) Ministry of Coal has recently planned to design a long term plan named Coal Vision 2025. The same is at consultation stage. No final document has so far bedn prepared in this regard.

Loss making units In Coal sector

1446. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that his Miriistry has proposed a Rs.6000 crores rehabilitation fund for Eastern Coalfields, Bharat cooking Coal and Central Coalfields;

(b) if so, the time-frame for rehabilitation of these units and whether rehabilitation would also result in upgradjrrg theproduction and productivity ofthe labour; and

(c) whether there are any other loss making units in the coiaF sectors and what is the perspective plan of Government with regard to such units?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (DR. DASARI NARAYAN RAO): (a) No, Sir

(b) and (c) All subsidiaries of Coal India Limited (CIL) except Eastern coalfields Limited (ECL) and Bharat Coking Coal Limited (BCCL) are earning profit. On ECL falling sick, it had to be referred to the Board for Industrial & Financial Reconstruction (BIFR). After several rounds of hearing BIFR vide its order dated 2"^ November, 2004 has sanctioned a Draft Rehabilitation Scheme (DRS) of ECL under Sick Industrial Companies (Special provision) Act (SICA) for reviving and revamping the company. BCCL being sick, its management has also prepared a Draft Revival Plan for revival of BCCL. The revival packages involve restructuring the equity of the companies and other things on which the views of Ministry of Finance have been sought before the Central Govemment decides on the measures proposed in the DRS.

Use of Surface Mining IMachines By SECL

†1447. SHRI RAMADHAR KASHYAP: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) the names of locations in the country where surface mining machines are used for coal mining;

(b) the cost of mining by the surface mining machines alongwith the cost on manual mining of the coal;

(c) whether there is any plan to use surface mining by SECL;

(d) the reasons for cancellation of tenders invited for this purpose by SECL few years ago; and

(e) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (DR. DASARI NARAYAN RAO): (a) As reported by Coal India Limited, surface miners are in operation for coal mining in the following Mines:

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.